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On Jan. 8, 2004, the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army signed a policy letter, subject: Utilization of the Army's e-Learning Program. This letter directs all Army organizations and major commands to use Army's e-Learning Program as the primary method for satisfying their workforce information technology requirements at no cost

to either the organization or the individual. Both the Army's Distance Learning General Officer's Steering Council and the Army Audit Agency strongly supported this policy.

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# Technology

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global technologies available," said Craig Hunter, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation. "By doing so, the Army can best maintain its technological superiority and at the same time prevent technological surprise on the battlefield.

"Locating existing technology also reduces research, development, production and support costs through shared resources and economies of scale, "Hunter said. "The ITCs are able to build relationships and serve as a liaison with industries, labs and academia. In doing their mission they are able to find and link basic and applied research to the various laboratories Army research centers that further the Army's transformation.

"Their role is vital as they also serve as the Army's acquisition, logistic and technology in-country representative," he

The concept of international offices dates as far back as 1948 when the Army staffed an office in the United Kingdom to foster post World War II cooperation, Gigrich said.

The ITCs develop relationships with foreign universities and industry researchers as they seek out existing and emerging technologies ITC members reduce the

cost in researching existing

technologies by providing ini-

tial assessments of potential

technologies, sometimes sav-

now," Brown said.

Soldier and putting it to good

some are hard to reach," he

said. "Whatever you can do to

mitigate their transitions will

be greatly appreciated by mili-

At the training's conclu-

"We had a good group of

She added that the training

"We couldn't do it without

was the result of "a joint effort

support from the installation,"

she said. "Ivan Mehosky has

been most supportive. It really

makes a difference when the

local command recognizes and

trained more than 3,000 per-

professional development, this

training reinforces the mes-

sage that seeing to the needs of

the transitioning child is a

shared responsibility," Keller

Military

Education Coalition, MCEC,

is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organ-

ization that promotes partner-

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working of military installa-

tions and their supporting

transition and other education-

al issues related to the mili-

Their focus is to address

Child

sonnel, staff and volunteers.

She said that MCEC has

"Whether for training or for

supports what we are doing."

between MCEC and APG."

sion, Keller said the two days

people with the right attitude,"

use," Brown said.

tary parents."

"went very well."

# **MCEC**

mands to APG will include the influx of hundreds of Department of Defense civilians, the impact of transition on those youths not used to

he said. "Don't just think about the military child. There will be upwards of 10,000 families moving to Harford County, and their number one concern

Col. Frank Merritt, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 61st Ordnance Brigade, which makes up the vast majority of the installation's military families, was the guest speaker for both days during the noon

Merritt said that during his 24-year career he moved 14 times, averaging a move every two years.

as "curriculum requirements that vary from school system to school system, state to state and country to country." Commenting that the mili-

countries, Merritt said that "military children can bring a lot to the plate." He asked the counselors to

"Some manage and continue to do well in school and

said.

The

school districts.

(Editor's note: To view the policy letter, visit http://www. apd.army.mil/pdffiles/1350

ing research laboratories time, travel and expenses.

When reviewing the technologies abroad, the ITCs look for innovations that provide tangible and intangible returns on investment.

"The return on investment for the ITCs cannot be measured by just the cost savings/avoidance to the U.S., but must include the relationships, access to facilities and other time savings which occur through the help of our

ITCs," Gigrich said. "The ITCs are also instrumental in determining the best foreign agencies to assist in filling requirements and linking scientists and engineers from those organizations to the U.S. technical experts to maximize our benefits. However, the most tangible measurement of cost savings is through international agreements. These agreements have saved the U.S. \$32 million per year.

"The ITCs have a history of contributions to the Army capabilities, enhanced effectiveness and interoperability and continue to provide valuable solutions to ongoing needs for minimal costs,'

Gigrich said. "The battlefield commander wants and needs solutions

"The ITCs review technology abroad in hopes of finding a technology that can be implanted or will enhance current technologies in use or in research that will improve current or future items in development. It is all about locating the best technology for the

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Because relocating comrelocating must be factored in,

is schools. "The impression you make on those children will be very important to the success of APG," Wright added.

"That's a big transition for

families and children," he said. He talked about issues facing transitioning youths such

tary child's advantage is that they get to experience other

remember that transitions affect children differently.

tary-connected child, including active duty, National Guard, and Reserves. MCEC seeks to include all

military installations, their supporting schools, concerned organizations and caring individuals.

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